

One of my first tasks as a new school site administrator in an rural California district was to prepare the then new E-rate application for our small district. At the time our connection consisted of dial-up modems and we were very appreciative of the support that E-rate provided. The E-rate program has been a great success in bringing internet access to most classrooms in America. I am now working for a small district in South Central Alaska where the E-rate program is essential for our increased technology needs and the necessary connectivity to support our students learning. Those needs will continue to increase and I want to urge the FCC to increase funding for the E-rate program that would keep pace with the needs represented by the schools and libraries applying for those funds. Thank you for the funding that has already been provided and for the future funding that will continue to support the kinds of modern teaching and learning to occur in all schools across our great country.